

- D¹ cont.
- (a) the full amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:2;
 - (b) amino acid residues 1 to 204 of SEQ ID NO:2; and
 - (c) amino acid residues 1 to 177 of SEQ ID NO:2;

wherein the polypeptide stimulates aortic smooth muscle cell proliferation.

50. (Amended Twice) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 90% identical to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- D²
- (a) the amino acid sequence of the full-length polypeptide encoded by the cDNA contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97342;
 - (b) the amino acid sequence of the full-length polypeptide encoded by the cDNA contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97342 lacking a signal sequence; and
 - (c) the amino acid sequence of the full-length polypeptide encoded by the cDNA contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97342 lacking a signal sequence and transmembrane portion;

wherein the polypeptide stimulates aortic smooth muscle cell proliferation.

D³ 68. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising a fragment of SEQ ID NO:2 wherein said fragment stimulates aortic smooth muscle cell proliferation.

D⁴ 72. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising a fragment of the amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97342 wherein said fragment stimulates aortic smooth muscle cell proliferation.